Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein Scott Goldstein

SUBJECT: Clinical Practice Guidelines

The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), Title 30, requires each Maryland EMS Operational Program (EMSOP) to have a Medical Director. Each EMSOP Medical Director is responsible for the oversight of the clinical care provided by the EMS clinicians within their EMSOP.

The MCFRS Medical Director may find it necessary to issue guidance to clarify the intent of the Maryland Medical Protocols, or to address clinical issues that are either specific to Montgomery County and/or left unaddressed by the Maryland Medical Protocols. This guidance will be in the form of written Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) that will be issued under the signature of the Medical Director. These guidelines will be supplemental to the Maryland Medical Protocols in establishing the standard of care for MCFRS EMS clinicians.

CPGs will be successively numbered by year, distributed by email, and maintained for reference on the MCFRS Quicklinks page.

Questions about individual CPGs may be addressed to the Medical Director via the Quality Assurance Officer.